



Grand Commandery of Minnesota
Knights Templar

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Dear Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota;

Wow that went pretty fast, you don't think so when it starts. It has been one of the greatest joys of my life to serve in this Grand line and to serve you as your Grand Commander and representing Minnesota.

If you are reading this, it means that you are aware of the Minnesota edition of the supplement of the Knights Templar magazine. I want to thank you for taking the time to peruse the monthly articles and the great education that is offered you and to the Sir Knights who make it possible.

It truly has been tough to put into words my report as Grand Commander. I have enjoyed every moment of it during its ups and downs, good and challenging times. You begin a grand officer line with high expectations and ideas you want to put into play, so you work together with your fellow officers to bring them to light, if possible. What a great Grand line of officers. Minnesota Grand Commandery will be in great hands for years to come. Please do not forget that we are here for you and to help out your Commandery wherever needed, including ritual work.

We started off the term with a grand session that had a very memorable banquet that will be talked about for many years. Turning a "bad" moment into something that will be treasured because Sir Knights and Companions gave assistance to a distressed group of individuals and that is what we do: demonstrating our core values as we wield our swords in our lifetime.

We welcomed the Grand Encampment and the Sir Knights of the World to Minneapolis. How great the Sir Knights of Minnesota are! We did ourselves proud with the impressive showing of our Grand Honor Guard. The SK John Helcl and the other Sir Knights for making it possible. What a joy it was to host the Triennial for our Junior Past Grand Master, SK Jeff Nelson.

I must say that our Templary is a strong force, and we stand with one another in unison in whatever threatens our faith and commitments. I am so proud and humbled by the Sir Knights who spoke out to our concerns at the Call to Conclave.

I was proud to see wonderful ritual work at the one day to Templary and at other Commanderies. To see that many Sir Knights being Knighted and to be a part of it is one of the greatest joys. All the newly knighted knights, during the term, were presented a letter, a large proud lapel pin, a York Rite Templar

history book and a letter welcoming them into Templary. Most of these Sir Knights have been staying active and contributing to their Commandery.

It was a joy to visit our wonderful Commanderies of Minnesota. Greeting, seeing you in person and shaking hands with each of you. My plan is to still visit as I am able and will look forward to seeing you on those travels.

Thanks to the dedicated work of SK David Dumonceaux, SK Jerry Zierdt and others, we have a new tactics manual to perform at our inspections (which I hope that all the Commanderies will use in the coming years term).

I want to thank my Lady Anne for being an awesome wife and letting me go out and play with swords and be with the Sir Knights.

I hope that you all continue to discover further education and bring it forward to your members. Keep your Sir Knights wanting more. Keep your Conclaves interesting and wanting that Sir Knight to think that he cannot wait for the next Conclave or perhaps get him excited enough to want to research more, so that he can make a presentation to the group.

To all my traveling companions on the visitations, the conversations were timely and good. Great hospitality was offered to our visiting Grand Officers. Thank you, Sir Knights, for making this term a great one!

There is much more of my report covered in the preprints for the Grand Conclave and will be posted on our website.

In His service

SK Joseph J. Anderson, REGC MN

**“Where there is God there is Love.
Where there is Love there is Light, and
where there is light, there is Life’.**

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